

NHC 57th meeting

Agenda item 7.2

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Sweden

Nordic Nautical Publication WG report



Nordic Nautical Publication WG status

On December 13-14, 2011, the NNPWG arranged a workshop for members of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission, the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission and the Nordic Hydrographic Commission. Hosted by the German Hydrographic Office BSH, the purpose of the workshop was to investigate the current state of nautical publication management, updating and distribution among the three regional commissions' member states.

Given the importance of existing standards, agreement and regional cooperative efforts, the workshop participants agreed that **in the short term**, they will consider:

- reporting to NHC with proposals for a workshop in 2012 under the aegis of NHC with invitation to ARHC and BSHC, (NHC has approved a workshop in 2012)
- conducting individual and shared cost-benefit analyses of continued joint work; and
- begin to address the shortcomings of the NP1/2/3 approach with IHO.

In the longer term, the workshop participants agreed that it would be important to consider the potential value of:

- new standards; and
- codification in formal platforms.

The planned workshop in 2012 under the aegis of NHC has been postponed.



HSSC4

At the 4th meeting of HSSC in Taunton, 25-28 September 2012

HSSC Chair questioned if HSSC still supported the need for Electronic Nautical Publications (NP).

The Committee reviewed and agreed revised key elements of the SNPWG work plan in order to reflect the outcome of the preceding discussion.

The Committee confirmed the objective to provide nautical publications in electronic format.

- **Action HSSC4/26:** SNPWG to prepare a master plan for developing electronic nautical publications, with priority assigned to defining data models and product contents in order to coordinate the scheduling of deliverables with the implementation of S-101.
- **Action HSSC4/27:** SNPWG to provide an estimate of the number of potential product specifications related with nautical publications.



Conclusions

There is a general interest in the work and results of the NNPWG.

A workshop should be arranged in Copenhagen in 2013 or 2014 with invitations to ARHC and BSHC.

The NNPWG should include the decisions and actions taken by HSSC4 in the forthcoming work and to cooperate with SNPWG in the future, focusing on the development of a data model which includes digital nautical publication.

Actions required from the NHC 57th Conference:

The NHC 57th Conference is requested to consider this report and to take appropriate actions.

